

2007 NSF Proposer Survey

Please use the blank space to write your answers.

Thank you for your participation. This survey is designed to help NSF understand the factors that influence the number of NSF proposal submissions and the impact of NSF success rates. Your responses will help NSF leverage this understanding to improve its service to the proposer community.

There will be no individual attribution to any survey response. Booz Allen Hamilton, the survey administrator, has exclusive access to all survey data and will maintain the anonymity of all respondents. A summary of the results of this survey will be posted on NSF's Web site soon after the survey's conclusion.

Please contact George Angerbauer at angerbauer_george@bah.com with any technical or administrative questions about the survey.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.
- When answering survey questions, refer to your most recent research proposal submission. (Research proposals include those that propose to conduct a specific scientific study; they do not include requests for workshops or travel funds.)

To continue, enter the same email address your survey invitation came to. Please be exact; the field is case-sensitive.

Please check all that apply.

Which of the following describes you?

(Please check all that apply.)

- ☐ I've submitted a proposal to NSF during the past 3 years.
- ☐ I've served as a proposal reviewer for NSF during the past 3 years.

NSF is interested in several aspects of your review workload.

Please pick one of the answers below.

Have you served as a reviewer for NSF and/or on an NSF panel review during the past 12 months?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please fill in the answers in the table below (mark appropriate circles and squares and fill in the blank spaces).

How many reviews have you done in the past 12 months from:

| | Number of Reviews |
|---------------|---|
| NSF | <input type="radio"/> 1-3 <input type="radio"/> 4-6 <input type="radio"/> 7-10 <input type="radio"/> 11-15 <input type="radio"/> 16-20 <input type="radio"/> 21-30 <input type="radio"/> 31-40 <input type="radio"/> Over 40 |
| Other Sources | <input type="radio"/> 1-3 <input type="radio"/> 4-6 <input type="radio"/> 7-10 <input type="radio"/> 11-15 <input type="radio"/> 16-20 <input type="radio"/> 21-30 <input type="radio"/> 31-40 <input type="radio"/> Over 40 |

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

During the past 12 months, have you declined to:

| | Yes | No | I'm Not Sure |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Review NSF proposal(s) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Serve on an NSF panel | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

To what extent did the following factors influence your decision to decline NSF's review request?

| | To a Great Extent | To a Moderate Extent | To a Small Extent | To No Extent | I'm Not Sure |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Lack of interest | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Lack of time | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Increasing review requests | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Competing professional pressures | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Dissatisfaction with the proposal review process(es) involved | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Increasing engagements with other agencies | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Conflict of interest | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please pick one of the answers below.

In general, how has your own reviewer workload (including reviews done for funding agencies, journals, and your institution) changed during the past 3 years?

- ☐ Greatly Increased
- ☐ Somewhat Increased
- ☐ Stayed About the Same
- ☐ Somewhat Decreased
- ☐ Greatly Decreased
- ☐ Not Applicable

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

How has this change in your own reviewer workload affected the following:

| | A | B | C | D | E |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| The time you are able to devote to each review | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The thoroughness you provide to each review | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The overall quality of each of your reviews | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Legend for Rank Grid table: How has this change in your own reviewer workload affected the following:

Columns:

- A** - Greatly Increased
- B** - Somewhat Increased
- C** - Stayed About the Same
- D** - Somewhat Decreased
- E** - Greatly Decreased

For the following two questions, please use this definition:

TRANSFORMATIVE RESEARCH is research driven by ideas that stand a reasonable chance of radically changing our understanding of an important existing scientific concept or leading to the creation of a new paradigm or field of science. Such research also is characterized by its challenge to current understanding or its pathway to new frontiers.

Please pick one of the answers below.

Of the NSF research proposals you've reviewed during the past 3 years, what percentage have constituted transformative research?

- ☐ Less than 10%
- ☐ 10-25%
- ☐ 26-50%
- ☐ 51-75%
- ☐ 76-100%
- ☐ I'm not sure how to identify transformative research

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

In thinking about the NSF research proposals you reviewed during the past 3 years, to what extent did the following occur?

| | To a Great Extent | To a Moderate Extent | To a Small Extent | To No Extent | Not Applicable |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| The NSF program(s) involved welcomed transformative research. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The panel(s) on which I served welcomed transformative research. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I recommended transformative research proposals for funding. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other reviewers on my panel(s) recommended transformative research proposals for funding. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

NSF is interested in the factors that influence your decision to seek funding from NSF or other sources.

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

Beyond the goal of making contributions to your area of science, to what extent do the following factors motivate you to submit research proposals to any funding source?

| | To a Great Extent | To a Moderate Extent | To a Small Extent | To No Extent | I'm Not Sure |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Building/maintaining a grant record for academic tenure and/or promotion | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Contributing to the institution's research status/reputation | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Supplementing or paying my own salary | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Building/maintaining a research infrastructure (i.e., students, lab space, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please write your answer in the space below.

For what other reasons, if any, do you submit research proposals?

For all references to success rates in this survey, please use the following definition:

NSF currently defines success rate as the number of awards granted in a given year divided by the number of proposals reviewed that year.

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

To what extent do you consider the following factors in your decision to submit proposals to a PARTICULAR funding agency, including NSF?

| | To a Great Extent | To a Moderate Extent | To a Small Extent | To No Extent | I'm Not Sure |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| My expected success rate | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Knowledge about the budget for that competition | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Prestige/reputation of that agency | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My own record of award(s) from that agency | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Agency support of basic research | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Need for continued funding for my area of research | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Discontinued funding from other source(s) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| New funding opportunities closely related to my area of research | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fair merit review process | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Size of the award budget | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Length of time for the award | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Relationships with agency/program personnel | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please pick one of the answers below.

Reflecting on your most recent proposal submitted to NSF, what do you think the success rate was for the program you submitted to?

- ☐ 5% or Less
- ☐ 6-10%
- ☐ 11-20%
- ☐ 21-30%
- ☐ 31-40%
- ☐ Over 40%
- ☐ I'm Not Sure

In the following two questions, annual award size refers to the total amount including both direct and indirect costs.

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

In your experience, how satisfied are you with the following:

| | Very Satisfied | Satisfied | Neutral | Dissatisfied | Very Dissatisfied | I'm Not Sure |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| NSF annual award size | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| NSF award durations | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please pick one of the answers below.

Thinking about your most recent NSF proposal, what do you think is an acceptable annual award size?

Please give your opinion regardless of whether your proposal was awarded at a different level or declined.

- ☐ Under \$50K
- ☐ \$50K - \$100K
- ☐ \$101K - \$150K
- ☐ \$151K - \$250K
- ☐ \$251K - \$500K
- ☐ \$501K - \$1M
- ☐ \$1.1M - \$1.5M
- ☐ \$1.6M - \$2M
- ☐ Over \$2M

Please pick one of the answers below.

Thinking about your most recent NSF proposal, what do you think is an acceptable award duration?

Please give your opinion regardless of whether your proposal was awarded at a different duration or declined.

- ☐ Less Than 1 Year
- ☐ Between 1 and 2 Years
- ☐ Between 2 and 4 Years
- ☐ Between 4 and 6 Years
- ☐ Between 6 and 8 Years
- ☐ Between 8 and 10 Years
- ☐ More than 10 Years

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

To what extent did the following factors influence your decision to submit to NSF during the past 3 years?

| | To a Great Extent | To a Moderate Extent | To a Small Extent | To No Extent | I'm Not Sure |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Decreased funding available from other sources | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Better chance of funding at NSF than other agencies | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pressure to obtain grants for tenure and/or promotion | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pressure to build and maintain research facilities, centers or programs | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| NSF is the major source of funding for my area of research | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Increased NSF budget in my area of research | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Interesting and relevant new funding opportunities | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Encouragement from NSF program managers | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please pick one of the answers below.

Over the next five years, I view NSF as the prime source of potential funding for the following percentage of my research:

- ☐ Less than 10%
- ☐ 10-25%
- ☐ 26-50%
- ☐ 51-75%
- ☐ 76-100%

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

How often have you...

| | Frequently | Seldom | Never |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Submitted the same proposal simultaneously to NSF and other funding agencies | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| After an NSF proposal has been declined, submitted a revised version of that NSF proposal to the same NSF program / division | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| After an NSF proposal has been declined, submitted a revised version of that NSF proposal to other NSF programs / divisions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Submitted a proposal to NSF that was declined by another agency | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please pick one of the answers below.

How do you perceive the level of competition for research grants in your area of research at NSF compared to other federal agencies?

- ☐ More intense at NSF than at other federal agencies
- ☐ The same at NSF as at other federal agencies
- ☐ Less intense at NSF than at other federal agencies

Please pick one of the answers below.

In general, what is the minimum expected success rate at which you would consider applying to NSF?

- ☐ 5%
- ☐ 10%
- ☐ 20%
- ☐ 30%
- ☐ 40%
- ☐ Not Applicable -- I would always consider applying.

For the following three questions, please use this definition:

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Please pick one of the answers below.

In the past 3 years, what percentage of the research proposals that you submitted to NSF constituted transformative research?

- ☐ Less than 10%
- ☐ 10-25%
- ☐ 26-50%
- ☐ 51-75%
- ☐ 76-100%
- ☐ I'm not sure how to identify transformative research

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

In thinking about the NSF research proposals that you've submitted during the past 3 years, to what extent do you believe the following:

| | To a Great Extent | To a Moderate Extent | To a Small Extent | To No Extent | I'm Not Sure |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| I feel that NSF welcomes transformative research proposals. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The program(s) to which I submitted welcome transformative research proposals. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The program(s) to which I submitted tend to fund transformative research proposals. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| NSF tends to fund transformative research proposals. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please pick one of the answers below.

Where are you most likely to seek funding for a transformative research idea?

- ☐ NSF
- ☐ Other Federal Agencies (DOD, HHS, NASA, etc.)
- ☐ My Institution
- ☐ State or Local Government
- ☐ Private Foundations
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Combination of Multiple Funding Sources
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Not Applicable

NSF would like to know how funding decisions impact proposers.

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

Based on your experience with NSF, to what extent do you agree with the following statements?

| | To a Great Extent | To a Moderate Extent | To a Small Extent | To No Extent | I'm Not Sure |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| All proposers are treated fairly. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Reviews are thorough and technically sound. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The merit review process provides feedback that will improve my proposal. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The merit review process provides feedback that increases my likelihood of success. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

To what extent does a decline of one of your NSF proposals...

| | To a Great Extent | To a Moderate Extent | To a Small Extent | To No Extent | I'm Not Sure |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Improve your understanding of the proposal process | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Encourage you to revise and resubmit the proposal | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Influence you to submit to another funding agency | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Negatively impact your career | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please fill in the answers in the table below (mark appropriate circles and squares and fill in the blank spaces).

In general, after how many declines of a revised project would you...

| | Number of Declines |
|---|---|
| Stop submitting the project to any agency | <input type="radio"/> 1-3 <input type="radio"/> 4-6 <input type="radio"/> 7-9 <input type="radio"/> 10 or more |
| Stop submitting the project anywhere within NSF | <input type="radio"/> 1-3 <input type="radio"/> 4-6 <input type="radio"/> 7-9 <input type="radio"/> 10 or more |
| Stop submitting the project to a particular NSF program | <input type="radio"/> 1-3 <input type="radio"/> 4-6 <input type="radio"/> 7-9 <input type="radio"/> 10 or more |

Some NSF funding opportunities require submission of pre-proposals. NSF would like to understand proposer views of pre-proposals.

Please pick one of the answers below.

Have you ever been required to submit a pre-proposal to NSF under a particular funding opportunity?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm Not Sure

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: NSF pre-proposals...

| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neutral | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Not Applicable |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Decrease the time I spend preparing full NSF proposals | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Decrease the resources required to prepare full NSF proposals | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Help me increase the quality of my full NSF proposals | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Increase my chances of obtaining NSF funding | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please pick one of the answers below.

During the past 12 months, did NSF limit the number of proposal submissions for any funding opportunity from your institution?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I Don't Know

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

As you think about NSF's limitation on the number of proposal submissions from your institution, please indicate the type of impact (if any) this limitation has made in the following areas:

| | Positive Impact | No Impact | Negative Impact | I'm Not Sure |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Overall quality of the proposals submitted | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Transformative nature of the proposals submitted | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Fair representation of my area of research in the proposals submitted | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My motivation to seek NSF funding | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My motivation to seek funding from other agencies | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

NSF would like your feedback on your proposal experience with NSF.

Please pick one of the answers below.

Did NSF provide quality feedback regarding why your most recent proposal was funded or not funded?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

Please rate the quality of feedback you received on your most recent NSF proposal in the following areas:

| | High Quality | Medium Quality | Low Quality | Not Applicable |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Reviews | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Panel Summary | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Background information on the outcomes of the competition | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Program Officer Comments | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please pick one of the answers below.

Have you applied for awards or grants from federal institutions other than the National Science Foundation?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please fill in the answers in the table below (mark appropriate circles and squares and fill in the blank spaces).

If you have applied to other agencies, list up to 5 of the most recent proposals you submitted to other agencies during the last three years.

| | Agency or Sponsor | Please Specify Other Source | Submission Type | Result |
|------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Proposal 1 | <input type="radio"/> HHS (NIH, CDC, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Defense (DARPA, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Education <input type="radio"/> Dept of Energy <input type="radio"/> NASA <input type="radio"/> Dept of Agriculture <input type="radio"/> Dept of Commerce (NIST, NOAA, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Interior <input type="radio"/> EPA <input type="radio"/> Dept of Veterans Affairs <input type="radio"/> Dept of Transportation <input type="radio"/> Private Foundation <input type="radio"/> Industry <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | | <input type="radio"/> New Submission <input type="radio"/> Revised NSF submission <input type="radio"/> Other | <input type="radio"/> Funded <input type="radio"/> Declined <input type="radio"/> Withdrawn <input type="radio"/> Pending Decision <input type="radio"/> Other |
| Proposal 2 | <input type="radio"/> HHS (NIH, CDC, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Defense (DARPA, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Education <input type="radio"/> Dept of Energy <input type="radio"/> NASA <input type="radio"/> Dept of Agriculture <input type="radio"/> Dept of Commerce (NIST, NOAA, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Interior <input type="radio"/> EPA <input type="radio"/> Dept of Veterans Affairs <input type="radio"/> Dept of Transportation <input type="radio"/> Private Foundation <input type="radio"/> Industry <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | | <input type="radio"/> New Submission <input type="radio"/> Revised NSF submission <input type="radio"/> Other | <input type="radio"/> Funded <input type="radio"/> Declined <input type="radio"/> Withdrawn <input type="radio"/> Pending Decision <input type="radio"/> Other |
| Proposal 3 | <input type="radio"/> HHS (NIH, CDC, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Defense (DARPA, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Education <input type="radio"/> Dept of Energy <input type="radio"/> NASA <input type="radio"/> Dept of Agriculture <input type="radio"/> Dept of Commerce (NIST, NOAA, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Interior <input type="radio"/> EPA <input type="radio"/> Dept of Veterans Affairs <input type="radio"/> Dept of Transportation <input type="radio"/> Private Foundation <input type="radio"/> Industry <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | | <input type="radio"/> New Submission <input type="radio"/> Revised NSF submission <input type="radio"/> Other | <input type="radio"/> Funded <input type="radio"/> Declined <input type="radio"/> Withdrawn <input type="radio"/> Pending Decision <input type="radio"/> Other |
| Proposal 4 | <input type="radio"/> HHS (NIH, CDC, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Defense (DARPA, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Education | | <input type="radio"/> New Submission <input type="radio"/> Revised NSF submission <input type="radio"/> Other | <input type="radio"/> Funded <input type="radio"/> Declined <input type="radio"/> Withdrawn <input type="radio"/> Pending Decision |

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|------------|---|-------|---|--|
| Proposal 5 | <input type="radio"/> Dept of Energy <input type="radio"/> NASA <input type="radio"/> Dept of Agriculture <input type="radio"/> Dept of Commerce (NIST, NOAA, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Interior <input type="radio"/> EPA <input type="radio"/> Dept of Veterans Affairs <input type="radio"/> Dept of Transportation <input type="radio"/> Private Foundation <input type="radio"/> Industry <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | | | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| | <input type="radio"/> HHS (NIH, CDC, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Defense (DARPA, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Education <input type="radio"/> Dept of Energy <input type="radio"/> NASA <input type="radio"/> Dept of Agriculture <input type="radio"/> Dept of Commerce (NIST, NOAA, etc.) <input type="radio"/> Dept of Interior <input type="radio"/> EPA <input type="radio"/> Dept of Veterans Affairs <input type="radio"/> Dept of Transportation <input type="radio"/> Private Foundation <input type="radio"/> Industry <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | | <input type="radio"/> New Submission <input type="radio"/> Revised NSF submission <input type="radio"/> Other | <input type="radio"/> Funded <input type="radio"/> Declined <input type="radio"/> Withdrawn <input type="radio"/> Pending Decision <input type="radio"/> Other |

Please pick one of the answers below.

Compared to other agencies' proposal submission systems, how much effort does it take to use NSF systems (i.e., FastLane) to submit proposals?

☐ More Effort

☐ Nearly the Same Effort

☐ Less Effort

☐ It All Depends...

☐ Not Applicable

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

To what extent does FastLane make the resubmission process...

| | To a Great Extent | To a Moderate Extent | To a Small Extent | To No Extent | I'm Not Sure |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Faster | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Clearer | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Easier | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please mark the corresponding circle - only one per line.

For the following questions, please refer to your most recent NSF proposal experience.

How satisfied were you with...

| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| The ease of use of the FastLane application for developing and submitting a proposal to NSF? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The quality of the information NSF provided during the proposal submission process? (i.e., FastLane, FAQs, web site content) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The timeliness of the decision to award or not award funding? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The fairness of the proposal review? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The quality of the proposal review? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Your interaction with NSF staff? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Legend for Rank Grid table: For the following questions, please refer to your most recent NSF proposal experience.

How satisfied were you with...

- Columns:**
- A** - Very Satisfied
 - B** - Somewhat Satisfied
 - C** - Neutral
 - D** - Somewhat Dissatisfied
 - E** - Very Dissatisfied
 - F** - Not Applicable / Did Not Experience

Please pick one of the answers below.

Overall, how satisfied were you with NSF's proposal submission and review processes?

☐ Very Satisfied

☐ Somewhat Satisfied

☐ Neutral

☐ Somewhat Dissatisfied

☐ Very Dissatisfied

☐ Not Applicable / Did Not Experience

Please pick one of the answers below.

Did NSF clearly communicate the criteria for how your proposal would be evaluated?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please use the blank space to write your answers.

Please provide the following information.

Year of Tenure (leave blank if not applicable)

Current Title / Position

Please write your answer in the space below.

Please describe the single most important thing NSF could do to improve its proposal and review process.

Please write your answer in the space below.

Please note any other comments you may have.

Thank you for your time! We appreciate your feedback.